

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, Jan'y 4th 1909

Hon F M Maddex, Mayor, Presiding : Roll called:

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Canee, Maynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilkison 14

Absent None

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk, without reading.

On motion Ex- Mayor White was invited to a seat on the rostrum.

* Memorials, Petitions, etc:

By the Mayor petition of E F Dammerly asking to have certain sound fees refunded. Read and motion referred to the Claims & Accounts Committee.

Reports of City Officers :

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Assessor and Collector and the Clerk for the month of Dec 1908, which were referred to their appropriate Committees, without reading.

Reports of standing Committees :

Alderman Meese for the Water & Light Committee to whom was referred a petition from Citizens in Hyde Park annex, asking for an extension of Electric Light wires to that part of the City, presented a report recommending that the petition be referred to the Water & Light Commission. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Meese for the Water & Light Committee to whom was referred a petition from Citizens asking for a water main in block 23 Div " C " Presented a report recommending that the petition be referred to the Water & Light Commission. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Scott for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition from Citizens, asking to have certain street work done on west 8th & Guadalupe streets presented a report stating that if said Citizens will subscribe \$ 600.00 towards the said work that the City will furnish the balance necessary, and recommending that the work be done. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Scott for the street committee to whom was referred a proposition to build a Bridge across Sheep Creek on West Avenue, presented a report recommending that the City Engineer prepare plans and specifications for said bridge, said bridge to be of concrete.

On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Canee for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred a proposition to build a bridge over Sheep Creek, presented a report recommending that that the proposition be accepted, provided that the City is protected in all its rights. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Canee for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance providing for the keeping of an authentic and official record of mortality and other vital statistics, etc, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do pass. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Canee for the Ordinance and Finance Committees to whom was referred a petition of Citizens living in Glenwood addition, asking to extend the City limits, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, upon certain conditions. On motion the report was adopted.

Pet L P. Cannon
Seconded

Reports Pending

Water Light on extension
of lines Hyde Park Annex

Water Light - Water main
block 23 Div " C "

Street Work W fm
Guadalupe

Sheep Creek
Bridge W

Ordinance
Finance

Ordinance, Marriage
and Vital Statistics

Ordinance to extend
limits to Glenwood
addition

Ed
Guthrie
Franklin

Alderman Petri for the committee on Claims & Accounts to whom was referred the petition of Chas W Robinson, asking to have certain sound fees refunded, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Ed
Elliott
Hartman
Miller

Special Ordinances

Alderman Petri for the committee on Claims & Accounts to whom was referred the petition of Carl Mayer, asking to have a fine remitted, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted. Alderman Moreland for the Special Committee on Revised Ordinances, made a verbal report, asking for further time and asking that Aldermen Cunes & Scott be added to said committee, which request was granted. Alderman Miller for the Purchasing committee presented the following report, viz:

Austin, Texas, June 4th 1909

Men F M Maddex, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen:

Your committee on purchases beg leave to report that we have advertised for, and received bids for furnishing the City with supplies for the term ending June 30th 1909, and would recommend the acceptance of the following bids, viz:

- For Feed for teams Robinson Bros
- For Blacksmithing for street and sanitary Dept's, Smith & Bulian
- For Cement, Austin White Lime Co
- For Lumber Calcasien Lumber Co
- For Meals for City prisoners, Mrs A E Wheeler
- For Groceries for Hospital, W B Smith
- For Dry Goods for Hospital, W B Smith
- For Sweet Milk for Hospital, J W Temple
- For Butter & Butter Milk, H F Hedge
- For Meat for Hospital, S A Stone

Respectfully submitted

W D Miller, C J Armstrong, W C Redd committee

Alderman Cunes moved to strike out of the report the award for Cement, and that the committee be instructed to investigate farther as to quality of cement proposed to be furnished, which motion prevailed. The report as amended was then adopted. Alderman Meers for the City Hall committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

Men F M Maddex, Mayor and the City Council of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen:

We your City Hall committee beg leave to report that we recommend the acceptance of Mr Chas Alf's proposition to sod, grade & Gravel driveway, Plant trees and shrubs, etc, around City Hall as per plans adopted by your committee. Mr Alf agrees to furnish all trees, shrubs, etc, for the sum of \$ 345.00, and we recommend that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract for same, and we further recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids for cement sidewalks and curbing around City Hall.

Signed by the City Hall committee.

Alderman Meers for the Special committee appointed on the death of Men Gee L Mann, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted by a six rising vote, viz:

Whereas, the death of Gee T Hume, President of the Water and Light Board of the City of Austin, has been suddenly cut off in the midst of a most useful life, and while he was in the full vigor of manhood,
And Whereas, his death while so young and promising in usefulness to the City, is a mystery that human intelligence cannot comprehend, and Whereas, some expression of the loss of so valuable a citizen, and so capable an official, is becoming and appropriate by the municipal body, so intimately connected with the Water and Light Commission, therefore,
Be it resolved, that in the death of Gee T Hume, not only the Commission of which he was President, but the whole community, has suffered a loss that it will be difficult to remedy, because of his active intelligence in the administration of his official position, and because of his high and unquestioned integrity, and the confidence and trust reposed in him by this body, as well as the entire population of the City, and because of the promise of his future usefulness, as an Official and Citizen.

Resolved. That we desire to express our esteem for him as a man and
official, and our deep regret at his death, in the fullness of his man-
hood, and be it further,

Resolved, That we tender his bereaved family, our sympathy and condoleances, and offer to them the consolation of the assurance of his integrity and his very unquestioned honorable life, and

Resolved further, that these resolutions be filed in archives of this body, and a minute be made of them, in the records of the Council, and that they be published in the newspapers of the City, and that a copy be sent to his family, under the seal of the City of Austin, Texas.

C W Moore

L M Crocker

H L Haynes

Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance providing for the keeping of an authentic and official record of mortality and other vital statistics in the City of Asutin, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. The ordinance was read the second time.

and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :
Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cunes, Mynnes, Meredith, Miller, Moore,
Moreland, Petri, Redu, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelms 14

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance authorizing the sum of \$ 75,00 for the purpose of paying salary of Asst to Engineer for the month of Dec 1903. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote : Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Meredith, Moore, Merriam, Redd, Scott, Smith & Sutler.

Feng, Caius, Hay

The Mayor announced to the Council that Mr R A Thomsen ,one of the Water & Light Commissioners had tendered his resignation ,as such Water and Light Commissioner,which had been accepted by the Commission .

• Alderman Cuneo moved that the Council now proceed to the election of two Water and Light Commissioners to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Geo L. Mayne and the resignation of R A Thompson, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Cuneo nominated John Mowland.

Alderman Suter nominated James Belger & J R Nitschke.

Alderman Scott nominated Joseph Stumpf.

Alderman Petri nominated J O Polhemus.

Alderman Cuneo moved that the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot be dropped, which motion prevailed.

Aldermen Mowland, Creeker & Armstrong were appointed tellers.

The tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot, viz:

Mr Belger 9 votes, Mr Mowland 9 votes, Mr Stumpf 2 votes, Mr Polhemus 5 votes & Mr Nitschke 2 votes. Messrs Belger & Mowland having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared them duly elected as Water & Light Commissioners to fill the unexpired terms of Mr Geo L. Mayne & R A Thompson.

Alderman Redd offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to place the 10th ward fire company on the regular pay roll from Jan 1st for \$ 60.00 per month for Driver and \$ 50.00 per month for Feed & Repairs.

Alderman Redd offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to enter into contract with both Telephone companies to furnish Phones to the 10th ward fire company, and to place them in position as soon as possible.

On motion Aldermen Creeker & Moore were excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman Maynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 828.55 for the purpose of paying salaries of Officers and Employees for the year 1908.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Maynes, Meredith, Miller, Mowland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 12

Nays none.

By Alderman Maynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 154.25, for the purpose of paying expenses of election, held Dec 29th 1908. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Maynes, Meredith, Miller, Mowland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 12

Nays none.

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 199.99 for street work on 23rd & 24th streets. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Maynes, Meredith, Miller, Mowland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 12

Nays none.

By Alderman Maynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1704.05 for the purpose of paying accrued accounts. The ordinance was read the first time and passed by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Maynes, Meredith, Miller, Mowland, Petri, Redd, Scott,

Smith , Suter & Wilson

12

Nays none .

On motion the Council adjourned.

F.C.O. Johnson
City Clerk.